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SUBJECT.

Letter from the Prime Minister, Kashmir State asking for some information about the Tradition & History attaching to the Grandfather Gods.

WD 01965—GPB—15,000—7-7-34

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Serial No.

Letter no. P.B. 7927/Do. Dt 7th Sept 54 from the Prime Minister, Kashmir State requesting asking for some information about Tradition & History ~~of~~ to the "Gandabherunda" Order

We have no authentic information on the origin & history of the Gandabherunda order.

Draft to Huzur Secy. Sikkim for Consd

C.S.O. 13/9/54

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No. 519 dy 20.9.34
from Hujur Secretary to the
Prime Minister for information and return
if you have any objection to the Press
note the "Gandarbal" case.

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No. 528 dy 28th Sept. 1934 from the Hujur Secy to the Prime
Minister returning the Press Note

Submitted with a draft for approval. (The Hujur Secy. has indicated the
the portions of this note that may be sent to Kashmir State
Times)
11/10/34
CPR
Chief Secy.

Submitted
RL
5/10/34.

Seen
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RL
6/10

681 dy 10.10.34
Prime Minister of Jammu & Kashmir
Forwards a short note regarding the Gandarbal
Dharmartha

C-B-467

HIS HIGHNESS' GOVERNMENT JAMMU AND KASHMIR.
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (POLITICAL BRANCH).

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C13.66-34-1

No.P.S.7932/C.C. Srinagar,
September 7 1934.

Dear Sir,

I should be grateful if you would kindly acquaint me with the tradition and history attaching to the Gandabhirunda order. It is not known on this side of India what it represents. It may perhaps be the figure of the family deity of the Ruling Dynasty of Mysore. This information is required urgently.

Memo 389

Yours truly,

for Prime Minister.

17/9/34

The Dewan of Mysore State,
Mysore.

Dear Mr. Thumboo Chetty,

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from the Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir asking for some information abou the tradition and history attaching to the "Gandabherunda" [illegible]. I could not get at any authentic information on the subject in the Secretariat records and shall be much obliged if you can kindly send for reference and return any papers that may be available in the Palace Office, if there be no objection.

Yours sincerely,

RR
20/9/34.

Rajasabhabhushana
T. Thumboo Chetty, Esq., B.A.,
Huzur Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

20th Septembe:

No 579/C1

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Telegram :—" HUSEC."

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THE PALACE,
MYSORE.
27
27th September 1934.
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Dear Mr.Ranga Rao,

With reference to your D.O.letter No.579 dated the 20th instant, I send enclosed a description of the Mysore Coat of Arms.

The portion enclosed in the brackets may be sent to the Prime Minister of Jammu & Kashmir.

Yours sincerely,

R.Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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WD 01955—GPB—22,500—12-6-34

Description of the Coat-of-Arms used by His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Mysore State's Armorial insignia or Coat-of-Arms can be explained thus in heraldic language:-

Arms:- MURREY; a ganda-bherunda displayed argent billed and armed or; that is on a silvery or white field (argent) a double-headed golden (or) eagle (ganda-bherunda) arranged (displayed) in an oblong form (billed) with outspread wings, red tongues, silvery claws and beaks all in a shield (scutcheon).

The story of the bird runs as follows:- When Vishnu became incarnate as Narasimha to destroy the demon Hiranyakasipu and rescue his devotee Prahlada, his mad fury threatening the destruction of the whole world, Siva assumed the form of Sarabha, the terror of the Lion. But Vishnu immediately took the form of Ganda-Bherunda, which is superior to Sarabha and lives on its flesh. Among the Vijayanagara Kings, Achyuta Raya (1520-1542) issued coins with the figure of this bird on the obverse. The bird is represented as holding an elephant in each beak and in each claw. The Mysore kings seem to have adopted it as a crest on the fall of Vijayanagara or after their acquisition of Seringapatam in about 1610.

Supporters:- Yalis Sable trapped or armed argent Counter Rampant:- that is Yalis (a Yali is a mythological beast which figures extensively in Hindu temples in Southern India), of black colour (sable) in a careless walking mood (trapped) standing upright upon their hind legs as if attacking and face to face

(counter rampant) with silvery (argent) teeth, golden or trunk that is, of a different colour from the rest of the body (armed) are the supporters of the shield.

Below is given the Royal Motto:

सत्यमेव जयते

It means "Truth Alone I Uphold"

Crest:- A lion passant bearing in his mouth a buffalo's head all proper - that is a walking (passant) lion bearing in his mouth a buffalo's head all represented in their natural colou

The lion is the vehicle of Chamundi, the tutelary goddess of the rulers of Mysore, who destroyed the minotaur which gives its name to the City and Country of Mysore. When the goddess cut off the head of the minotaur the demon rose out of the neck in human form, and the lion, her vehicle, seized the severed head.

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No. 687 34

To Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter no. P. S 7932/34 dated 7th Sept. 1934, I am desired to forward herewith a Short note ~~on the tradition attaching to~~ regarding the tradition of the "Gandaberunda" Order.

Yours sincerely

PS
4/10/34

To,

The Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar.

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CS 66-34-2

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~~9th~~ October

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. P.B.7932/D.O. dated 7th September 1924, I am desired to forward herewith a short note regarding the tradition of the "Gandabherunda" Order.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) S. Abdul Wajid.

T o

The Prime Minister of Jammu & Kashmir,
S r i n a g a r.

Note re: Gandabherunda

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